

## BRIGHT FUTURE AWAITS SOUTHERN NEVADA

### NYE COUNTY IS DESTINED TO BECOME A GOOD AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

#### EARTH CAVES CAUSING DEATH OF SIX WORKMEN

(By Associated Press.)  
WINSTON SALEM, N. C., Nov. 16.—Six workmen were killed and a number of others narrowly escaped death, when 4000 cubic feet of earth caved in and entombed the construction force engaged in building a viaduct on Salem creek this morning. The men were working on the foundation for the trestle abutment when the earth 30 feet above caved in, burying them. The rescue work was immediately begun, when a second cave-in occurred, and caught a number of the rescuing party. These were soon brought to the surface.

#### APPOINTS SUCCESSOR OF LATE PRINCE ITO

(By Associated Press.)  
TOKIO, Nov. 16.—Field Marshal Prince Yamagata has been appointed president of the privy council, succeeding the late Prince Ito.

#### NOW ON TRIAL FOR MURDERING LOVER WHO DESERTED HER

Case of Alma Bell Starts Yesterday at Auburn, Cal.—Defendant Sobs When Blood Stained Garments are Exhibited

(Associated Press.)  
AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 16.—With a heartrending scream, Alma Bell, accused of the murder of Joseph Armes, fell into a violent outburst of sobs in the court room today, when the blood-stained garments of her dead lover were introduced as evidence and identified by Frank Armes, a brother of the dead man. The gruesome exhibit moved Mrs. Mary E. Armes, the mother, to tears. For several minutes the court procedure was stopped while the two women sought to control their emotions. Charges of misconduct were made at the first trial against Assistant Prosecutor George W. Hamilton, by Attorney L. L. Chamberlain for the defense, when the prosecutor, in his opening address, announced that if any matter tending to discredit Alma Bell's character was introduced, it would have to come from the defense. Judge Arnold instructed Hamilton to confine his address to what he expected to prove. Hamilton proceeded to state the case, and said that the prosecution would show that Alma Bell deliberately and with no justification, had murdered Armes, and told of the events of the night of Armes' death, when the girl came to the cabin occupied by Armes and begged to be admitted. He declared she had been told to go away, but had stayed until Joe promised to accompany her to the home of a neighbor, and then, he said, came the fatal shot. Boys in the cabin heard the voice of the girl as she took a last farewell of the man she had loved, saying, "Good-bye, Joe." Hamilton declared he would prove that Alma Bell had vowed many times she would kill Armes if he deserted her and that for months she had worn a revolver strapped to her leg. The first witness was Frank Armes, who was followed by another brother, Manuel.

#### MERGER OF WESTERN UNION IS CONFIRMED

(Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—An announcement was made in Boston, and confirmed in New York, that another billion dollar merger had become a reality, with the practical absorption of the Western Union Telegraph company by the American Telephone and Telegraph company. The Western Union was one of the pet properties of the late Jay Gould, and has been in the Gould family for a generation. It was by the sale of the Gould holdings today that the merger was accomplished. While the report was current that the Mackay companies, controlling the Postal Telegraph company, were to ultimately be included in the big merger, no confirmation was obtainable in New York. The officials of the Postal were emphatic in their statement that the Postal company will remain independent. To make the absorption complete,

#### TERRITORY IS ANNEXED BY CITY OF OAKLAND

(By Associated Press.)  
OAKLAND, Nov. 16.—Territory adjoining this city, totaling 36 square miles, was annexed to the city of Oakland today at a special election which resulted in a vote of more than two to one in favor of the project. The annexed territory was formerly known as Brooklyn, and includes Fruitvale, Elmhurst, Melrose, Pitzburg and Allendale.

#### SECRETARY RESIGNS FROM PROMOTION COMMITTEE

(Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Rufus P. Jennings, who for the past eight years has acted as secretary of the California promotion committee, handed in his resignation today, to become effective January 1. Jennings resigns so that he can devote more time to his private interests.

#### Vast Reclamation Project to Cultivate 200,000 Acres of Fertile Land.

Goldfield Parties File on Choice Sections in Amargosa and Pahrump Districts.

Nye county is destined to become one of the greatest agricultural sections of Nevada, and the transformation will take place within the next year or so.

This statement may sound startling, but that it is true is evidenced by an interview with State Engineer Frank R. Nicholas, who recently returned from a trip of inspection through southern Nye and Clark counties.

The project which means much to Nye county, calls for the reclamation of 200,000 acres of rich agricultural land with surface water in sight for the irrigation of 10,000 acres, and untold resources in subterranean streams.

The land in question is situated in the Pahrump and Amargosa districts, the major portion of the acreage being in Nye county, with the new county of Clark coming in for a good share. Application for the land has been made by J. P. Loftus, Charles Patterson, Harry Bryant, Frank Chambers, Charles S. Sprague and Judge P. J. Somers, of Goldfield, who made the filing under the Carey act. State Engineer Nicholas reported favorably on the petition, which was then forwarded to the department of the interior. The granting of the application should be reported by not later than the 15th of December, and it will not be many months thereafter before the land seekers commence drifting into Nevada at a rate that will surpass any mining stampede ever witnessed in this country.

Considerable excitement was occasioned several months ago by the reports of the excellent opportunities offered in the Las Vegas section, and a number of local people secured choice locations of land in that vicinity. Now that a new reclamation project is in the making, it will mean a pilgrimage of additional homeseekers and investors, who are tired of the mining game and are willing to lead a quiet life for a few years.

"The possibilities of the new section are enormous," said Mr. Nicholas last evening. "It will mean that within a limited time—say two years—the proceeds from the crops will exceed the gold and silver output of southern Nevada. This may sound like a broad assertion, and people will wonder why I make such a statement when my home is in the northern part of the state, but the facts are apparent and a trip through the section will convince the most skeptical.

"It is my opinion that within a very few years, the greater part of the population of the state will be confined to the southern section and will be composed largely of people interested in farming. That the central point will be Tonopah is assured, for the permanence of the camp has been proven.

"At the Pahrump ranch the fertility of the country has been amply proved, as it has been proved in the Las Vegas vicinity, to which this 100,000-acre tract may be said to be directly tributary. At the Pahrump ranch it has been demonstrated that all kinds of garden truck, alfalfa, grapes, oranges, lemons, olives, English walnuts, pomegranates, peaches, apples, plums, almonds, small fruits and melons may be grown in prodigious profusion. The whole country is what is known to horticulturists and agriculturists as the 'thermal belt,' which belt is at an elevation just above the region of killing frosts in spring and fall, and yet which is below the zone of disastrous freezes in winter. It corresponds to the thermal belt on the coast range and Sierra foothills in California, whence come the luscious and highly colored ap-

ples, peaches, grapes, and other fruits, which command a price that cannot be obtained by fruits grown in the lower and warmer valley lands.

"The soil itself is one especially inviting to the horticulturist. It is a rich alluvium, from 50 to more than 100 feet deep, composed from the wash and weathering of the mineral-containing hillsides of many thousands of years. It is full of all those mineral salts which give richness and coloring to fruit, that lend nutrition to vegetables, and all plant life. It is virgin soil. It has never known the plow or the reaper. Its richness has been lying for ages, awaiting the touch of the man who should conserve the moisture of the surface and underground streams and wed it to the thirsty acres. No richer soil can be found the world over. Nowhere is there brighter or more equable sunshine.

"The waters of the Amargosa river, which has a watershed 150 miles long by 40 miles wide, together with springs, alone afford water for the irrigation of 10,000 acres. The annual rainfall affords much more water, but it sinks out of sight in the desert sands. Drilling has proved that this water, and the water from distant watersheds, travels under that valley in great subterranean streams, some of them of such pent-up buoyancy and life that they bubble to and far above the surface when the driller provides a way. Others provide great reservoirs from which the water, cold, clear and pure, must be pumped. But there is water for every acre.

"There is ample money behind the project to transform this bit of the great American desert into a garden spot. Plans now being rapidly perfected will place the first unit of this reclamation project under irrigation and ready for the home builder in six months from the present time. Then another unit will be irrigated, and another, and another, until the whole witnesses the magic transformation that has been seen on other parched lands when soil and water are wedded. There are more than \$75,000 actually in hand to put through the initial work and turn the first units into productiveness. Back of this \$75,000 is a fund totaling \$4,000,000, which, or any part of which, will become available as soon as the men promoting this great reclamation scheme say that it is needed.

"The two railroads that traverse this new domain have already given word that they will help in the development of this new, self-supporting empire in every way possible. They will advertise it, they will help colonize it, they will give new rates for passenger and freight traffic to this new country that will aid in showing the outside public the true resources, advantages and appeal of this new El Dorado. Here a man may be sure of his profits. Mining offers greater returns, but to the lucky few.

"Development of agricultural Nevada is beginning to appeal to all the large interests and most of the live men of the state, for they foresee that the agricultural and horticultural interests will help make the state self-supporting and lend backbone to the mining interests; that in order that the state reach its highest destiny, the soil must be tilled at the surface, while others burrow beneath it.

"Throughout the state other reclamation projects are under way that involve the expenditure of immense sums. In northern Washoe county, 26,000 acres have been reclaimed by a capitalist from Seattle.

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#### LABOR ASKS FOR AN INVESTIGATION OF CORPORATIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
TORONTO, Nov. 16.—A congressional investigation of the steel industry as it relates to labor, was endorsed today by the executive council of the American Federation of Labor, which decided to petition congress to appoint a special commission to investigate the methods employed by all the great steel corporations, and that if it found that the tariff is being used to maintain the corporations' profits, rather than to improve the industrial condition, the federation will recommend that the tariff on steel be suspended.

#### EAGLES AID DESTITUTE

(By Associated Press.)  
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Nov. 16.—Grand Worthy President Frank Earle Hering, of the Order of Eagles, today forwarded \$1000 to Cherry, Ill., for the aid of those rendered destitute by the mine disaster.

#### TROOPS ARE CALLED TO PREVENT OUTBREAK OF ENRAGED MINERS

Militia Ordered to Scene of Coal Mine Disaster Where 300 Miners Lost Their Lives Last Saturday.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHERRY, Ill., Nov. 16.—Troops have been called out in the event of any untoward demonstrations at the St. Paul coal mine when the bodies of the 300 men who were entombed by Saturday's disaster are brought to the surface. So far no violence has been manifested as a result of the disaster, and the state's attorney, Eckhart, hopes by the presence of a small display of troops to prevent any ill-advised move on the part of the miners, whose feelings are wrought up by the loss of so many of their comrades. Just when the bodies will be brought to the surface is doubtful. None of the officials believe that any of the entombed men are alive. The subterranean fires today were more intense than when the men were entrapped three days ago, and no effort could be made to enter the mine. Fire Chief Horan of Chicago has arrived with a supply of hose and chemical fire extinguishers. The seal over the mouth of the shaft was perforated and it was intended to force the water and chemicals down through the pipes. A thermometer placed in the sand at the top of the seal showed a temperature of 110 degrees, indicating that the heat in the interior of the mine was intense. Chief Horan shook his head. "It's no use," he said, "to lift the lid today, as it would mean that the whole interior of the mine would blaze up, and there would be no possibility of recovering even the bodies. The coal deposits would take fire, the timber supports would crumble, and perhaps another shaft would have to be dug to recover the remains of the men." The funerals of the eight miners killed Saturday were held today.

#### FOUNDER OF RESCUE HOMES PASSES AWAY

(By Associated Press.)  
SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Charles N. Crittenton of New York, widely known throughout the country as the millionaire founder of the Florence Crittenton rescue homes for girls, died in this city tonight of pneumonia, after an illness of less than a week. Crittenton had been visiting here. He was 76 years of age, and had founded 73 rescue homes for girls in this country, and several in China and Japan.

#### BOYS HAVE FUN WITH BIG MOGUL ENGINE

(Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, Nov. 16.—Forty boys at Birmingham, north of this city, stole a mogul locomotive that had been sidetracked by a construction crew last night, and ran the engine several miles. Then they reversed the engine and started for Birmingham, throwing the throttle wide open. The boys were unable to

#### WIDOW WAR IS SPREADING IN CALIFORNIA

(Associated Press.)  
SANTA BARBARA, Nov. 16.—Song Lee, a Chinese laundryman, today received word from San Francisco that the On Yick tong had put a price on his head. Dealers report a heavy sale of revolvers and guns since the tong war broke out in San Francisco. The police fear the trouble may spread to this city.

#### WIDOW OF NEVADA NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD

(By Associated Press.)  
SEATTLE, Nov. 16.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Parkinson, a pioneer of San Francisco, where she arrived soon after 1850 from Australia, died today at her home in this city, aged 77 years. She was the widow of R. R. Parkinson, who published newspapers in Carson City and Virginia City, Nevada, during the bonanza days.

#### PINCHOT WANTS TO KNOW WHERE HE IS STANDING

(By Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—It is rumored tonight that Gifford Pinchot has written to President Taft, expressing a desire to have his status with the administration clearly defined, so as to set at rest the controversy between Secretary of the Interior Ballinger and himself, in regard to conservation policies. It is reported that in his letter to the president, Pinchot required Taft to declare himself emphatically either for Pinchot or for Ballinger.

step the locomotive, and jumped off. All of them were injured, five seriously.

The engine, which attained a velocity of more than a mile a minute, crashed into a freight train in the Birmingham yard, and was badly wrecked.

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